

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Statement of Subjects Discussed in the Representative Assembly.

ORDER No. P. 1939-99—R. A. 19-24-3, DATED 11TH OCTOBER 1924.

In order to enable Members of the Representative Assembly to know what subjects have been brought up before the Representative Assembly and how they have been disposed of, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that a statement containing a summary of the subjects discussed in the Representative Assembly and showing their disposal be prepared every year and copies thereof supplied to all the Members.

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*Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.*

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Administration Report of the Sericultural Department.

READ—

Sericultural Department Administration Report for the year ending 1923-24 received with letter No. Per. 27, dated the 27th August 1924, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore.

ORDER No. I. C. 2611-67—A. & E. 89-24-4, DATED CAMP MYSORE,
12TH OCTOBER 1924.

Recorded.

2. The record of the department during the year was one of steady and satisfactory progress. Despite the unfavourable seasonal conditions due to insufficient rainfall, the department was able to expand its activities. A beginning was made in several new places in Hassan, Mysore, Chitaldrug, Tumkur, Kolar and Bangalore Districts. The agricultural population are apparently beginning to realise the advantages of mulberry cultivation in seasons of drought and the larger profits which it yields as compared with ordinary kinds of cultivation. The area under the mulberry crop, in the old as well as new areas, is reported to have increased by more than 2,000 acres. The staff of the Department helped at every stage of the operations and withdrew only after two or three successful rearings.

3. *Education.*—Although there was no regular school course, facilities were afforded at the headquarter stations for training students, and they were availed of to a large extent not only by people of the State, but also by the neighbouring administrations of Coorg and Hyderabad.

In view of the importance of the industry, Government have already given it specific representation in the Representative Assembly and in the Economic Conference.

4. *Seed Supply.*—The grainages at Mysore, Kolar, Kunigal and Channapatna supplied 2,40,901 layings and the aided rearers at Bidadi and Kempanahalli, 70 lakhs of seed cocoons. Though new races could not be introduced on a large scale owing to unsuitable conditions, the results of their rearing on the farm and with the selected rearers confirmed their relative superiority.

5. *Demonstrations.*—Demonstrations were as usual organised in connection with jattras and fairs. With a view to improve domestic reeling, a unit was imported from Lyons and sent round for demonstration at selected places. In the light of criticisms offered by the rearers who took a keen interest in the working of the unit and as a result of departmental study, an improved type of domestic basin has been designed and this has to be tested after a working model is constructed. The proposals for improving indigenous reeling and decentralisation of work in the Filature at Mysore have been since sanctioned in Government Order No. I. C. 1839-40—A. & E. 229-23-4, dated the 11th September 1924.